

## G.O.P. TAX PLAN TO MEET FIGHT

Democrats See Effort to Shift Burden to Shoulders of Poor.

4 BILLION A YEAR NEED  
Minority Party Leaders Say Long Time Will Be Required for Change.

Fearing that the Republican promise of a reduction in taxes means in reality a shifting of the burden from the shoulders of the rich to the shoulders of the poor, the small coterie of Democrats who will constitute the next Congress already are laying plans for fighting to the last ditch any such proposal.

It will be impossible to bring about a reduction in taxes during the next three years, they maintain, and Secretary of the Treasury Houston is cited as authority for the assertion. While it is admitted there is room for reform in revenue legislation and the method of levying taxes, there is no way to get around the fact that \$4,000,000,000 annually will be required for the next few years, they say.

**Fight Tax Plan.**  
Representative William A. Oldfield, of Arkansas, who will be next to ranking minority member in the Ways and Means Committee in the event that Claude Kitchin is made minority floor leader in the next Congress, declared yesterday that the Democrats will fight bitterly the proposal to levy a tax on gross income and a consumption tax in lieu of the present excess profits tax.

Only three countries in the world, including Mexico, resort to a sales tax for revenue, Oldfield said. This is one of the easiest to shift to the ultimate purchaser, he said, while a consumption tax would be just as unfair.

"Men with swollen fortunes," he said, "eat no more food than a workman and, while their wardrobes may be larger, they pay no more in proportion for clothing than do the government clerks; yet the poor man would pay virtually as much to run his government under this tax as the rich man."

**Propaganda for Repeal.**  
Oldfield charged that a quiet propaganda has been going on for some time for the purpose of bringing about the repeal of the excess profits tax. While there are some sound arguments against this form of taxation, he said, it must not be overlooked that it brings into the Federal Treasury more than \$1,500,000,000 annually.

It is true to a certain extent, Oldfield said, that this tax retards trading, in that it would prevent a man from disposing of property which had enormously increased in value while under his ownership. Timber land, for instance, purchased several years ago at from \$5 to \$10 an acre, and now worth several hundred dollars, would be sold at a loss, he said.

**Houston's Plan Favored.**  
While this feature is objectionable, he said, it must not be overlooked that this tax cannot be passed to the ultimate consumer, and that it is taken from the man who can afford to pay it.

Oldfield, however, declared that the proposal suggested by Secretary Houston, of increasing the tax on incomes above \$5,000, would be the most sound and would prove a partial solution of the problem.

## POLICE MAKE ARREST IN SHOOTING OF GIRL

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 9.—Dennis Chester, police officer, today was held by Great Falls, Mont., officials, charged with the murder of Miss Florence Barton, local society girl, shot to death the night of October 2, while riding with her fiancé. Private detectives arrested Chester following a hunt across many States. A Bertillon photograph of Chester was identified by Howard Winter, Miss Barton's fiancé, as the assailant.

Police announced that another suspect is under arrest in St. Joseph, Mo., and a third arrest is expected. There were three men in the party which halted Miss Barton and her escort.

## KILLED IN EFFORT TO BOARD TRAIN

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 9.—Charles Bonebrake, a middle-aged white man, was instantly killed by a passenger train on the Western Maryland Railroad at North Junction, near this city, yesterday afternoon while attempting to board the train. It is believed, Bonebrake missed his hold and fell under the train. His body was mangled.

## Salesman's Body, Wrecked Car, Evidence of Tragedy

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9.—Police are investigating the finding of the body of Egbert C. Gale, traveling salesman, dead in Cascade road this morning.

Gale's jugular vein had been cut presumably by his flight through the windshield of a wrecked touring car that stood near by. The body was found apparently unmoved after the accident.

Gale was a salesman for a Chicago firm and had been here a week. His home was at Waverly, N. Y.

## Negro Slayers at Large; Wounded Girl Still Lives

DURHAM, N. C., Nov. 9.—No clew as to the two negroes alleged to have held up a party of four near Gastonia, N. C., Sunday night has been found.

The negroes shot and killed John Ford, one of the young men, and wounded one of the girls, Essie Beatty, afterward, it is said, assaulting both girls. The Beatty girl, while still alive, is in a critical condition at the Gastonia Hospital. Gastonia officials found on investigation that a report of the arrest of two suspects at Blackburg, S. C., was without foundation.

## Pumpkin Crop Eaten Raw by Cave Dweller

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 9.—Something was gnawing all the Thanksgiving pumpkins and squashes from vines in the southwest section of the city.

Neighbors started a hunt for the marauder. The vegetarian proved to be Wagarash Grugarik, who lived in a leaf padded cave he dug in a nearby clay bank.

Grugarik told the police he was very fond of raw pumpkin but that fresh raw squash was his favorite. Raw field corn was also on his bill of fare.

Profiteering landlords were blamed by the cave man for his cramped quarters. He said he was a Bolshevik and came here from California.

## WOOLLEY SAYS HE WILL QUIT

Warns Republicans Southern Must Be Named To I. C. C.

Robert W. Woolley, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, whose job is supposedly scheduled to go to John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who was defeated for re-election, last night issued a statement denying that he had any intention of seeking reappointment.

Commissioner Woolley's term expires January 1, and comment regarding the possibility of his re-nomination by President Wilson and of his getting Senate confirmation was what prompted his statement. He took the opportunity, however, to warn the incoming administration against denying the South of all representation on the Commission.

"Of the eleven Commissioners, only two are from the South, McChord, of Kentucky, and myself, from Virginia," he said. "The Republicans are justly proud of having broken the Solid South, and if part of their reward is to be reduced representation on so important a commission, they will undoubtedly be grateful for not being kept in suspense."

"My belief is, however, that those who have been so industriously spreading the story are as ignorant of the plans of the President-elect as they seemingly are of my own," his statement concluded.

## LOCAL PHONE COMPANY SATISFIED WITH RATES

Continuation of the present telephone rates may be asked by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company before January 31, when current rates expire, said A. E. Berry, president of the company, yesterday.

While figures of the company's earnings from June to September, inclusive, show a net profit of only \$124,890, it is believed that other months, when business is more active, will show a more substantial gain.

## TOY AUTO ACCIDENT MAY COST BOY EYE

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 9.—Earl Malone, 12 years old, may lose the sight of his left eye as the result of an accident at his home yesterday when the propeller of a toy automobile struck him.

## Federal Aid Given to Check Typhoid Epidemic in Ohio

SALEM, Ohio, Nov. 9.—Two hundred nurses and a score of physicians working under the direction of the Red Cross and State and Federal health officers are working night and day to check the episode of typhoid fever here.

E. C. Torbett, assistant sanitary engineer of the United States Health Service, who arrived here on orders from Washington, said today that there were nearly 1,100 cases of typhoid in the city. Seven deaths have resulted since the epidemic started three weeks ago.

The wave of typhoid fever is due to contaminated water, health officers said.

## Maj. Besson to Tour Two States for Ideas

Maj. Frank S. Besson, Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District, left for a tour of Pennsylvania and New York cities last night. He will examine out-of-town methods of disposing of rubbish and garbage and those employed in road construction.

Maj. Besson went directly to New York, where he will examine the condition of streets, at the invitation of a number of sanitary dealers. He will also visit Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh.

Maj. Besson said the tour was for the purpose of getting new ideas to apply to District work.

## DENIES CHARGE OF COAL PROFIT

Head of Mine Association Says Members Stopped Fuel Famine.

Charges by the Senate Committee on Reconstruction, of which Senator Calder of New York is chairman, that coal operators of the country were "practising gross extortion on the public" yesterday were denied by the National Coal Association.

Col. D. B. Wentz, of Philadelphia, president of the association, which represents a majority of the large bituminous operators, in a statement describes as "flagrantly false" the assertion of F. T. Miller, assistant to the Senate committee, that Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, was sought to issue orders permitting operators to dodge contracts specifying lower prices.

The conferences at the White House were arranged in order to keep President Wilson fully informed as to the coal shortage situation existing during the summer, the statement declares. Mr. Tumulty in a statement issued recently, personally denied the charges made by Miller.

"As the outcome of efforts of the operators to advance the soft coal output through increased car supply, prices generally at the mines have greatly decreased during the last month," said Col. Wentz. "Had it not been for the consistent efforts of the bituminous coal operators, as represented in the National Coal Association, to overcome the shortage emergency during the summer and fall, the nation would now be faced with the calamitous prospect of a soft coal famine during the winter. This contingency no longer need be feared. There will be ample coal, and at reasonable prices, for all."

## TROOPS TRAIL MINER-SNIPERS

State Soldiers Fired on From Kentucky Side of River.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Nov. 9.—State troopers today were on the trail of striking coal miners who fired into the camp of the Thacker Coal Mining Company on the Kentucky side of the Tug River last night. When the troopers tried to pursue the miners they were fired upon by a great smoke screen. The miners fled to the woods to prevent pursuit.

Word was received that the troopers had found the trail today and were close on the heels of the miners. Reports were received today of an attack on the Borderland Coal Company. The miners were said to have fired a volley from the West Virginia side. None was hurt, the reports said. The attacks followed the blowing up of the Tipple of the Thacker mine at Rose Siding on Sunday.

## FARMER KILLED WHEN THRESHER RUNS WILD

FREDERICK, Md., Nov. 9.—Grant Springer, 26 years old, was killed when a threshing engine which he was steering down a hill near Emmitsburg got beyond his control. The steering gear snapped, starting the engine on a wild dash.

Springer leaped from the engine and started to run uphill for assistance, but had been so badly injured that he died in the arms of his brother, Columbus Springer.

## Wrangel Beats Back Reds In Crimean Offensive

SEBASTOPOL, Nov. 9.—Gen. Wrangel's troops today had beaten back in attempts to capture Perekop at the entrance to the Crimean peninsula.

"Fierce fighting continues," the communique said.

"It was believed here that Wrangel will be able to hold his position."

## Election Board Meet Again Put Off

DURHAM, N. C., Nov. 9.—The meeting of the election board of Jackson County three postponed because of fear of interference by Republican mobs and which was to convene again today, has been postponed until Wednesday. The county is quiet today.

## Men of Both Parties Honor Hays at Home in Indiana

SULLIVAN, Ind., Nov. 9.—Delegations from several Indiana cities came to Sullivan today to go honor to Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman. This is Hays' home town and he returned here for a day's visit.

"Hello, Bill," greeted him from right and left. Old friends and neighbors and his boyhood chums, who had seen him climb the political ladder from precinct committeeman to county chairman, to district chairman, to State chairman, and then to the national chairmanship, greeted him.

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## Minister Slayer Freed by Canuck Jury in Rum Case

WINDSOR, Ont., Nov. 9.—The Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, minister-liquor sleuth, shot and killed Beverly Trumble, road-house keeper, in self-defense, a coroner's jury decided today. The jury was out more than an hour.

The minister was absolved of all blame. Trumble was shot during a raid on his place.

The crown attorney still must act in the case under the Canadian laws before the pastor is finally freed or charged with the murder of Trumble.

Spracklin will continue his war on bootleggers and rum runners along the Canadian border, he said, as soon as the case is finally disposed of. Many attempts have been made on the pastor's life because of his activities.

## Prince Georges County

MT. RANIER, Md., Nov. 9.—Stirred by civic pride a number of men of the congregation of the Christian Church here got out with their shovels and impaled thirty-third street in front of the church.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Nov. 9.—Dr. Francis M. McCoy has been appointed assistant pastor of the Hyattsville Methodist Episcopal Church, North. He served in France as a chaplain.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Nov. 9.—The students of the horticultural department of the University of Maryland will hold a fruit, vegetable and flower show November 20-21.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Nov. 9.—Miss Mabel L. Stephenson, for two years district agent in home economics for the University of Maryland extension service, has resigned, owing to ill health. Miss Mildred L. Jones and Miss Aubrey Moore have been appointed to secretarial positions at the University of Maryland here.

G. W. Carpenter, a specialist in farm engineering, and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, has accepted a position with the University of Maryland and will devote part of his time to teaching and the remainder to extension work.

## ADMITTS HE CUT WIFE'S THROAT

Cumberland Man Confesses To Brutal Murder of Woman.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 9.—John Logue, 50 years old, confessed to Cumberland police last night that he murdered his common-law wife, Clara Osterder, by cutting her throat as she lay in bed early yesterday morning.

Logue was found by neighbors yesterday afternoon sitting in a chair beside the bed on which the woman's mutilated body lay.

He told the police that the woman had entered a conspiracy to kill him. Acting on this belief, he woke her from sleep at 5 a. m., he said, and gashed her throat with a razor.

With blood streaming from her throat, Logue says, the woman sprang from bed, went to the kitchen, lighted a lamp, and wrote in a book: "My throat has been cut; send for a doctor."

She then returned to the bedroom. He says he then gashed her throat again with a razor.

Logue claims he intended to cut his own throat, but lost his nerve.

The court decided the child will remain in the custody of juvenile officers until a guardian is appointed. The juvenile officers alleged the Lewises were unfit to care for the child.

## DENIED RIGHT TO BABY "PURCHASED FOR \$125"

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 9.—Walter S. Lewis and wife, of Des Moines, who are alleged to have purchased Virginia Schmiedekne, 3-year-old baby, from the child's father, John Schmiedekne, of Belleville, Ill., for \$125 today were denied the custody of the child in a decision handed down by District Judge Hubert Otterback.

The court decided the child will remain in the custody of juvenile officers until a guardian is appointed. The juvenile officers alleged the Lewises were unfit to care for the child.

## Legion Head Approves Refusal to Pardon Debs

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 9.—F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion, today wired President Wilson, endorsing the President's action in refusing to pardon Eugene V. Debs, now held in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., convicted of sedition.

Galbraith's telegram was on recommendation of the conference of department adjutants being held here.

## Earthquake Hits Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 9.—Portland was shaken by what is believed to have been a slight earthquake shortly after midnight.

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## OWNERS OF APPLE ORCHARDS FACE RUIN

LURAY, Va., Nov. 9.—This country stands to lose thousands of dollars from its apple crop, for which there is a demand that amounts to practically nothing compared with former years.

In hundreds of orchards apples are lying shoe top deep on the ground, among which rabbits revel at night and possums and wildcats hold high carnival between the suns. If this state of affairs continues it will be a blow to the present and future nurseries.

## Bank Robbers Get Only Pennies

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 9.—Bank robbers, who last night looted the Ashland City Bank of 2,100 pennies, were believed in flight to Nashville today. They had cut all telephone and telegraph lines except those leading here.

## Brakeman Killed Under Locomotive

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 9.—M. Whitley, of Keyser, W. Va., was killed instantly and C. K. Helmick was injured, when struck by a freight train at Kingwood Junction Sunday afternoon. Both men were brakemen. They had been sitting down on the track when hit.

## Vassar to Meet Male Debaters

EASTON, Pa., Nov. 9.—Lafayette College debating team has arranged a debate with Vassar College to be held at Vassar April 16. It was announced here today. It will be the first time that Lafayette ever had met a woman's college. The Vassar team will select the subject of the debate, but will give the Lafayette debaters the choice of taking either the affirmative or negative.

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